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Avi J. ASHKENAZI, et al.,) Art Unit: 1646
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for the response. Attached herewith are a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D., and an article by Hanna and Mornin.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited. Should there be any further issues outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (referencing Attorney's Docket No. 39780-2630 P1C10).

Respectfully submitted,

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